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CAMBODIA-B NO. 20

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1. WITH RESPECT TO TWO RECENT INQUIRIES FORWARDED HERE FROM MARSHAL LON NOL'S PARTY, WE ARE UNABLE TO VERIFY THAT THE MARSHAL'S MOTHER-IN-LAW HAS REACHED POIPET, BUT UNDERSTAND THAT KHMER MILITARY ATTACHE IN BANGKOK IS CHECKING ON IT. WITH REGARD TO MR. SUM CHUM, WHOSE WIFE IS IN THE MARSHAL'S PARTY, FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM, PRESENTLY IN BANGKOK, SAYS HE HAS NO INFORMATION EXCEPT THAT SUM CHUM IS NOT IN BANGKOK.

2. WITH RESPECT TO LON NON, HE DID NOT LEAVE PHNOM PENH ON APRIL 12 AS A PART OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY EVACUATION, EVEN THOUGH VOA MISTAKENLY SO REPORTED IN KHMER LANGUAGE BROADCASTS. (NOTE: THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME CONFUSION OF NAME WITH LONG BOTTA, WHO DID EVACUATE WITH THE EMBASSY.) THE NEXT DAY RADIO PHNOM PENH IN KHMER CRITICIZED THE VOA BROADCAST AND STATED THAT LON NON WAS STILL IN PHNOM PENH. ON THE OTHER HAND, JUST PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL ON APRIL 12, A U.S. ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE WHO KNEW LON NON
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WELL WAS TOLD ON INQUIRY THAT HE AND TAN SUOR HAD LEFT THE DAY BEFORE BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT. ACCORDINGLY, THE

WHEREABOUTS OF LON NON ARE UNKNOWN TO US.

3. FINALLY, SAUKHAM KHOY DID COME OUT WITH THE
EMBASSY PARTY AND IS HERE IN BANGKOK WHERE HE MAY BE
REACHED THROUGH THE KHMER EMBASSY. HIS FUTURE PLANS
ARE, SO FAR AS IS KNOWN HERE, UNCERTAIN.

4. FOR CHANG SONG: MCHALE SAYS ALL WELL, THANKS,
WARM REGARDS.
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